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--- ASSISTANCE TO MSA'S

REFS: (A) USUN 819, (B) USUN 6097

1. MISSION REQUESTED TO RESPOND TO WALDHEIM LETTER TO
AMBASSADOR SCALI (REF A), AS WELL AS TO WALDHEIM LETTER TO
SECRETARY OF DECEMBER 24 (REF B), USING FOLLOWING TEXT:

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2. QTE. DEAR MR. SECRETARY-GENERAL, I AM HAPPY TO PROVIDE

YOU WITH PRECISE FIGURES ON THE VALUE OF FOOD ASSISTANCE ALLOCATED TO COUNTRIES ON YOUR LIST OF THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR THE US FISCAL YEAR 1975. IN DECIDING ON A MAJOR EXPANSION OF FOOD ASSISTANCE UNDER PL-480 THIS YEAR, THE US GOVT WAS RESPONDING TO THE SERIOUS DETERIORATION IN THE ABILITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO PAY FOR CRITICAL FOOD NEEDS WHICH RESULTED FROM THE SUDDEN SURGE IN THE PRICE OF FOOD GRAINS AND OTHER ESSENTIAL IMPORTS SUCH AS PETROLEUM AND FERTILIZERS. YOUR LETTER TO SECRETARY KISSINGER OF DECEMBER 24 DREW ATTENTION TO THIS SITUATION.

3. WHILE THE FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE OVERALL FUNDING LEVEL FOR THE PL-480 PROGRAM WAS MADE IN EARLY FEBRUARY, THE GOVT HAS ONLY RECENTLY COMPLETED THE ALLOCATION OF

SHIPMENT VOLUMES AND COSTS ON A SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED BASIS TO PERMIT THE IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDING LEVELS FOR COUNTRIES ON THE UN LIST OF MSA'S.

4. AS CURRENTLY ALLOCATED, THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO PROVIDE TOTAL FOOD ASSISTANCE IN FY 1975 TO UN-DESIGNATED MSA'S WORTH DOLS. 869 MILLION. THIS FIGURE COMPARES WITH ABOUT DOLS. 380 MILLION ACTUALLY PROVIDED TO THOSE COUNTRIES IN FY 1974, AND WITH DOLS. 233 MILLION FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE INCLUDED IN THE DATA TRANSMITTED IN MY (RE: AMBASSADOR SCALI'S) LETTER OF LAST OCTOBER CONCERNING PROPOSED US ASSISTANCE TO MSA'S FOR FY 75.

5. THESE FIGURES INCLUDED BOTH CONCESSIONAL SALES UNDER TITLE I OF THE ACT AND GRANTS UNDER TITLE II. THEY DO NOT INCLUDE ANY SHIPPING COSTS, SOME OF WHICH ARE ALSO BORNE BY THE US GOVT.

6. IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE YOU A COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY BREAKDOWN FOR THE PROGRAM WITHIN A VERY FEW WEEKS. AT THE PRESENT TIME THE LEVEL OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY PROGRAMS HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED. I REGRET THAT I AM NOT YET IN A POSITION TO INFORM YOU OF THE FINAL LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE--EITHER GRANT UNCLASSIFIED

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OR PROJECT--FOR THE MSA'S THIS FISCAL YEAR. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION. SINCERELY, UNQTE. INGERSOLL

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